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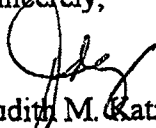
Dear Mr. Salvaggio: 

In December 1999 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed approval of the attainment demonstration for the severe ozone nonattainment areas in Pennsylvania. At the same time we took similar actions for nine other severe and serious nonattainment areas. During the public participation period, we received comments indicating that some or all of the states may not have fully evaluated whether or not there are additional reasonably available control measures (RACMs) available for inclusion in the ozone attainment demonstration. The comments focused on, but were not limited to, transportation control measures (TCMs).

EPA has reviewed these comments and our available guidance and determined that the states must carry out an analysis to determine, in fact, whether or not additional reasonably available measures exist that would advance the attainment date for the nonattainment areas. In light of our determination, we have prepared the enclosed guidance material. On March 14, 2001, we met with Mr. Wick Havens of your staff to discuss why and when the required analysis must be submitted. We discussed a submittal date of May 31, 2001, but would consider a slightly later submittal if the submittal were processed in parallel. This deadline is necessary in order for EPA to allow for a public comment period on this new material and to complete our approval of Pennsylvania's ozone attainment demonstration by October 31, 2001. If Pennsylvania fails to make an acceptable submittal, under the terms of the consent decree (*Natural Resources Defense Council v. Carol Browner Civ. No. 99-2976*), EPA is required to propose a federal implementation plan (FIP) for the ozone attainment demonstration by October 15, 2001 and take final action on that FIP by June 14, 2002.

I recognize that this is a very short deadline. My staff is available to provide you with assistance in completing the required analysis. Please contact David Arnold, Chief of the Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, at 215-814-2172 in order to determine how we can best work together on this effort.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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